

SCHOOLS

The most specific information is provided for the Carlisle schools since the majority of our children attend here. However, the other three school districts require similar records for registration and sports.

We are pleased to report that the public and private school systems in the Carlisle area provide for a quality educational experience. The majority of our children attend the Carlisle Area School District, which in 1996 was ranked by Money Magazine as one of the top 100 public school systems in the country. In 2000 the Carlisle Area School District was selected by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as one of three school districts in the state to be awarded a four million dollar grant to develop a digital school of the future. As a result the Fowler Educational Technology Center was opened on the High School Main Campus in 2003. There are 7 elementary schools, 2 middle schools and 1 high school.

In addition to the Carlisle Area School District, there are three school districts that provide education for students residing in the neighboring communities:

There are also five private elementary schools in Carlisle and a private high school in Camp Hill.

Initial registration for all students attending any Carlisle Area District school should be completed online before arrival at the Carlisle Barracks. As soon as you know you are coming to the AWC/CB begin coordinating with your present counselor and the Carlisle Area School District Student Registrar (Ms. Jane Schmeck at 717-240-6800, ext. 17803, schmeckj@carliseschools.org). Students, regardless of grade entering, can register M-F from 0830-1130 and 1300-1500 at the Student Services Office, 801 S. Hanover Street. **Please note:** Call the registrar's office before going to ensure that someone is in the office to register your students. Parents should hand-carry shot records, school transfer records, birth certificates, and any special paperwork, such as IEPs, standardized test results, letters for college recommendations from teachers & coaches, and course descriptions from your previous school. **These records are required for the registration and enrollment process:** Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, and Immunization Records (pg. 30.)

PLEASE NOTE: The Carlisle School district assigns our (on post) elementary and Middle School children to certain schools in late August. If you have a preference you can make a specific request when you register your child. Every effort is made to grant your request, but no guarantees. The decision will be made on quarters' assignments, bus schedules, class sizes and number of children per family. Representatives from the War College are present to insure fairness at the school assignment session. After receiving your Middle School assignment go to the school and set up the club electives. One day is set aside to register all International students regardless of grade. Birth certificate, passport and immunization records are needed to register. Registration is held in the cafeteria at the Swartz Building. Bring as much information of previous classes and examinations as possible. Students are given the registration date when they in process at Carlisle Barracks or you can call the district office at 240-6834.

Physicals are required for EVERY sport played at the Middle or High school level. These physicals MUST be obtained within 45 days of the start of the sport, and by a PA physician...so don't bother getting that sports physical BEFORE you leave your current duty station; you'll just have to do it again here. Physicals are FREE and done cattle-call style on two consecutive Thursdays at the High School West Gym. Don't forget to take a physical form at school registration; they are not always available during the physicals.

BASIC INFORMATION:

- All classes begin the Monday before Labor Day and end the month of June (end date depends on snow days used)
- School bus fee – none for Carlisle Area School District Schools
- Graduation requirements: 4 English; one of: (3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 3 Math); 2 Arts and Humanities; 1 Phys Ed.; 1 Health and Safety and 5 Electives.
- Grading System: Primary Elementary – E – Excellent, S – Satisfactory, N – Needs Improvements. 5 - distinction, 4 – Excellent, 3 – Average, 2 – Minimum Passing, 1- Failing
- Unique Scheduling: 183 School days in the school year.
- Comprehensive Vocational / Technical School on campus, Gifted Programs, Advanced Placement Honors Program, Special Education Programs, Five Year Foreign Language Sequences, Affiliated w/ the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, Award Winning Music Education Program.
- Chapter I Reading Programs
- Summer Readings required for grades 7 – 12.
- Lunch Rate: Elementary - \$1.50 / Secondary - \$1.75
- Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Vaccination Records, Medical Records, School Records (needed to enroll.)

In compliance with the PA Department of Health regulations, all students from K-12 must show proof of the following immunizations in order to attend school:

Requirements for attendance:

- 3 or more properly spaced doses of diphtheria and tetanus vaccine
- 3 or more properly spaced doses of oral polio vaccine or at least four properly spaced doses of inactivated polio vaccine if such is recommended by a physician (Students 18 and older are exempt.)
- 2 doses of measles (Rubeola) (10 day) live attenuated vaccine administered at 12 months of age or older or a history of measles immunity proved by serological evidence
- 1 dose of German measles (Rubella) (3 day) live attenuated vaccine administered at 12 months of age or older or a history of Rubella immunity proved by serological evidence
- 1 dose of live attenuated mumps vaccine administered at 12 months of age or older or a physician's written record (signed by the physician) of the diagnosis of mumps disease.

Additional requirements for original entry (K-1):

- 3 properly spaced doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- 4th dose of diphtheria and tetanus vaccine, administered on or after the 4th birthday
- 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of chickenpox disease

Additional requirements for children entering 7th grade

- 3 properly spaced doses of Hepatitis B
- age appropriate dose(s) of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of chickenpox disease
- proof of immunization is defined as written verification of day, month, year of administration of each dose above

Each student enrolling in the Carlisle Area School District from another school in the state of Pennsylvania must present the "Certificate of Immunization" which was completed by his/her previous school nurse. The Department of Health regulations indicate that this certificate is to be hand carried by the parents when a student transfers from one school to another. It is the parent's responsibility to secure this certificate from the student's previous school of attendance and present it to the registrar at the time of registration. No student will be admitted unless he/she is in full compliance with the law. Each student enrolling in the Carlisle Area School District from a school district outside of the state of PA must present his/her immunization records at the time of registration in the district. These records will be reviewed by the registrar who may give an unofficial indication of adequacy. The records will then be forwarded to the Head Nurse for official review.

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➔ Dial 240-6800 and then extension for the desired school.

Preschools Please contact Child Development Services at 245-3701 as early as possible to reserve a space. Based on your needs your child may be enrolled on post or off post referrals will be provided.

Elementary	Bellaire	x 12805	Crestview	x 22805
	Hamilton	x 14805	LeTort	x 25805
	Mooreland	x 36805	Mt. Holly Springs	x 46805
	N. Dickinson	x 46805		
Middle	Lamberton	240-6760	Wilson	240-6740
Intermediate HS	Swartz	240-6834		
Senior High	Carlisle HS	240-6855		

PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN and AROUND CARLISLE

Bethel Christian Academy, K-8
1412 Holly Pike, Carlisle
249-3692
GWHUNT@pa.net

Harrisburg Academy
10 Erford Rd, Wormleysburg (21 mi. from Post)
717-763-7811
<http://www.HarrisburgAcademy.org>

St. Patrick's School, pre K-8
87 Marsh Dr., Carlisle (5 miles from post)
717-249-4826
www.stpatrickschool.carlisle.pa.us
Parishioners \$2720 / Non-Parishioners \$4520

Grace Baptist Church, K-8
777 West North St., Carlisle
717-243-8820
www.gracebaptistchristianschools.org

Seventh Day Adventist School, 1-8
15 Oak Park Ave., Carlisle (5 miles from post)
717-243-2252
FALAUGH@AOL.COM
1-6 \$1605-\$2205; 7-8 \$1775-\$2375
Tutor Home Study \$2625-\$3225

Trinity High School
3601 Simpson Ferry Rd. (16 miles from post)
Shiremanstown.
717-761-1116
Tuition: \$3500
www.trinityhs.k12.pa.us

OUTLYING SCHOOLS:

Cumberland Valley – 249-6996
www.cvschools.org

Big Spring – 249-4411
www.bigsspring.k12.pa.us

South Middleton – 258-6484
www.bubblers.k12.pa.us

Representatives from the each of the four school districts will brief parents of new students in early August. This orientation lasts approximately two hours; however, representatives will be available as long as parents have questions. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jacqueline Schultz, School Liaison Officer, 717-245-4638. Jacqueline.Schultz@carlisle.army.mil

BUS TRANSPORTATION

School bus service is provided by the Carlisle School District. Buses are routed through town and Carlisle Barracks to stop at established loading and unloading points on a fixed schedule. This schedule is published in the local paper (The Sentinel) close to the beginning of school. Carlisle School District buses transport children residing on Carlisle Barracks that attend St. Patrick's School. A private bus transports students attending Trinity High School. Questions relating to the operation of the Trinity bus should be referred to St. Patrick's Rectory at 717-243-4111.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

There are 7 elementary schools in the Carlisle District. Students are assigned to a selected school after registrations are complete. New student orientations are held one or two weeks before the start of school. Information is sent home in the mail in August or you can call the registration office at 717-240-6894.

Foreign languages, orchestra and band instructions are offered throughout the school year depending on grade level.

The gifted education program in the district is called Academically Challenging Topics, or ACT, and is accomplished through separate in-school classes attended by the ACT students during their normal school day (in both elementary and middle school). Following the second grade, students are identified and admitted into the *ACT program* according to state guidelines. *If you are new to the district you can request a testing date when you register your child with acceptance into the program (this takes approximately a month.)*

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Lamberton and Wilson are the two schools which make up the Carlisle Middle School program. If your child plays an interscholastic sport, they are organized with students from the two buildings forming one team. The same is true for special music performances.

The middle schools are unique in that they have a 6-day cycle. For half of each day a group of students and their teachers meet in the classrooms of the “pod” area for English/language arts, social studies, mathematics, science and reading instruction. The majority of the remaining time is devoted to instruction in

physical education, music, art, creative living, technology education and health. All students are assigned an advisor and advisory groups meet regularly. There is also time within the 6-day cycle devoted to instrumental or vocal music rehearsals, and special interest clubs.

A limited number of 8th grade students are offered Algebra I. The student must have a B+ in seventh grade math and score a 90 or better on the Orleans-Hanna Algebra Prognosis Test (offered at Wilson MS in early August.) It previously was required that a score of 90 or better be achieved to be placed in Algebra 1: however, if your child scores above a 70, has the B+ from 7th grade math and YOUR approval they can be placed in Algebra I for eighth grade. If your student has already taken Algebra I in 7th grade request at registration to have your child attend Wilson Middle School (next to the HS) so they may go to the high school for higher level math courses in eighth grade.

Foreign language is offered beginning in seventh grade. A student is able to complete a half-year of French, German or Spanish in the seventh grade and the second half in eighth grade. Enrollment is limited to students entering the 7th grade unless your 8th grader has already started the program in another school. Students enrolled in the reading support program are not eligible for a foreign language.

Orientations for new students and their parents will be held at Lamberton and Wilson Middle Schools in late August.

NOTE: CASD requires summer readings for 7th and 8th grade students.

NOTE: Your child's new best friend next door and the their buddy down the street could possibly all go to different schools. They do try to keep families together but the schools are filled on a needs basis. The children don't seem to have a problem with this once school gets started.

Carlisle Middle School Summer Reading Program

The English Department of the Carlisle Area School District has expanded the required summer reading program that now exists in the high school to include the middle schools. All Middle School students will participate.

- 1. Students will be asked to choose one of four pre-selected books to read.**
- 2. During the summer, the students will read the book.** Some copies of the book will be distributed by the sixth-grade English teachers at the end of this school year. Other student copies may be picked up at the middle school offices over the summer months. Even though these copies are available to the students, we strongly encourage each student to get his or her own copy of the book at a bookstore or public library.
- 3. Within the first two weeks of school, the students will be evaluated on the reading of their selection.** The grade will count for the first marking period. Keeping a reading log is recommended.

Book Selections for Seventh Graders:

1. ***The Barn***, by Avi, is a survival story set in the Oregon Territory in the 1850's. A family of children find themselves on their own without adults to care for them.
2. ***Because of Winn Dixie***, by Kate DiCamillo, tells the story of Opal, a ten-year-old girl who has just moved to a new town with her preacher father. Opal befriends a large, ugly, but lovable dog who helps her settle in and make friends.
3. ***When Zachary Beaver Came to Town***, by Kimberly Willis Holt, is a coming of age story with an unusual set of characters that inhabit the town of Antler, Texas. Nothing ever seemed to happen in Antelope until Zachary Beaver, the world's fattest boy, arrived.
4. ***Among the Hidden***, by Margaret Petersen Haddix, is set in future society in which families are allowed to have only two children. The main character Luke is a "shadow child," a third child forbidden by the Population Police.

Book Selections for Eighth Graders:

1. The first selection, ***I Am Regina***, by Sally M. Keehn, is a novel of historical fiction based upon the true story of a Pennsylvania girl captured and raised by American Indians.
2. The second selection, ***Jayhawker***, by Patricia Beatty, also historical fiction, tells the tale of a young man during the Civil War times of Bloody Kansas.

****Extra credit will be given to any eighth grade student who reads both selections.**

HIGH SCHOOL

There are two buildings that serve the 9th, 10th 11th and 12th graders of the Carlisle Thundering Herd (school colors - green and white; mascot is the Bison). The Swartz building houses the 9th and 10th grade homerooms and the West building houses the 11th and 12th grade homerooms on one campus. Many students travel between the buildings during the day for common classes, programs and services. Enrollment is approximately 1600 students with 120 professional staff and 50 support staff members on campus. The telephone number for the Counseling Center is 717-240-6863 at West and 717-240-6842 at Swartz.

FOR SENIORS: Each year Carlisle enrolls 40 or more new seniors. Many will be applying to colleges early in the year. Most college applications require teacher and counselor recommendations. If there is a special counselor, teacher or administrator in your current school that knows your child and his/her talents, skills and aspirations, request a "college recommendation" from them before you leave.

FOR JUNIORS: Many physicals are required this year with the most important being the 11th grade physical as required by law. Other physicals are required for a work permit, driver's permit, and sports (fall, winter and spring). We encourage you to incorporate many of these requirements into one physical by providing the physician with the necessary forms to be signed all at once. The 11th grade physical can often be used for both work permits and driver's permits but sports physicals are provided at designated times by the Carlisle School District and are valid for only ONE season. The sports physical CANNOT be used to fulfill the 11th grade physical requirement.

NOTE: CASD requires summer readings for ALL high school students in grades 9 – 12.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Honors courses are available in English, science and foreign language. Advanced placement courses are offered in mathematics and social studies. An early admission program to Dickinson College is also available to qualifying students. Trade and industrial courses including work experience programs are also included in the school's program of studies.

If your child is presently in a gifted program please contact Dave Apgar or Rita Warren 240-6820/6800 before 1 April to enroll your child in the district's Academically Challenging Topics (ACT) program. (The district requires 45 school days to process an application for this program and must comply with state rules requiring a series of tests and evaluations before an application will be considered. If you wait until your arrival to have your child rested you could delay admission into the program until November.) If your child has completed honors courses bring the course description with you for registration. All honors courses are NOT automatically accepted for GPA.

SUMMER READING: As a student entering any grade in Carlisle High School, you are required to complete summer reading. Please read the list below and determine the appropriate summer reading for you. When you enter school this fall, you will be assessed on the material you have read over the summer.

9 th – OPTION ONE	*The Contender	9 th – OPTION TWO	*The Miracle Worker (Gibson) *The Giver (Lowry)
10 th – OPTION ONE	*Bless the Beasts and the Children *Select <u>one</u> of the following: *When the Legend Dies (Borland) A Lesson Before Dying (Gaines)	10 th – OPTION TWO	*A Raisin in the Sun (Hansberry) Dandelion Wine (Bradbury) *Cry the Beloved Country (Paton) The Bean Trees (Kingsolver)
11 th – OPTION ONE	*The Pigman (Zindel)	11 th – OPTION TWO	*The Natural (Malamud) *Our Town (Wilder)
11 th – AP	Please refer to the letter you will receive		
12 th – OPTION ONE	Please refer to the letter from Mr. Travis. He will explain your assignment in junior classes.		
12 th – OPTION TWO	*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich (Solzhenitsyn)		*Things Fall Apart (Achebe)
12 th – AP	Please refer to the letter you will receive		

*These books are available through your English teacher before 6 June or through the counseling center of your high school building over the summer.

SPORTS, CLUB and ACTIVITIES: Carlisle High School offers 16 sports for boys and/or girls over the fall, winter and spring seasons. It is recommended that for fall sports you call the high school to find out about early try-outs and sport camps. Some camps/clinics are held at Messiah College and Shippensburg University. For questions relating to physicals and fall athletics, please call Mr. Dave Eavenson, Athletic Director, at 717-240-6878 / 6882.

There are 60 clubs and activities ranging from National Honor Society to music, art and reading to environmental and volunteering to sports and cooking to S.A.D.D. Thundering Herdpage: Carlisle High School has it's own web site at <http://www.pa.net/casd>. You will find up to date material published by the students and teachers with the approval of the school.

NOTE: The physical education uniform for the high school and middle schools must be purchased before the school year and consists of Kelly green shorts (sweatpants for winter) and a plain white T-shirt. The school may recommend getting the T-shirt with "Carlisle" written on the front. This is not necessary and tends to make the military children stand out as "newbies." Green shorts are hard to find in Carlisle so buy before you come if possible.

NOTE: When snow and ice arrive here in Carlisle, the easiest way to determine whether the kids have school is to call the Sentinel direct line. A recorded message will inform you whether school is in session as normal, closed for the day or delayed as necessary. Dial 243-3669, ext 6400

NOTE: The schools offer five pre-arranged excused days off per year for students and many families plan their vacations around these days. But some outside school-related activities (such as: History Fairs, some field trips etc.) will require use of these days. Also if it is a bad winter many of these days will be used as snow days.

HOME SCHOOLING – To home school in the State of Pennsylvania generally, you must register with your local school district each year by August 1, by filing an affidavit. You may obtain a registration packet at Carlisle Area School District offices, 623 W. Penn St., Carlisle (717) 240-6800 or at the School Liaison Office in Building 637 on Carlisle Barracks. Presently PA law does not require any administrative action with the school board unless the student is eight years old. A summary of Pennsylvania's home school law can be obtained online at www.hsllda.org/central/states/pa/laws.html. Other home school information particular to Pennsylvania can be found at the Christian Home School Association of Pennsylvania at www.chapboard.org. There are two local home school groups, CHEA, Carlisle Home Educators Association, contact Karen Crutcher, 243-7215, and Harrisburg Homeschoolers / West Shore contact, Caroline Loy 975-0786. The law is subject to change. A recommendation was made to connect with the Home School Legal Defense Association at www.hsllda.org or 540-338-5600 in Purcellville, VA which provides legal assistance to home schoolers.

Carlisle Schools meet Pennsylvania requirements relative to standards. Students are required to take Physical Education, Safety Education, Driver's Education, and Pennsylvania History. In addition, 11th grade students must complete a graduation project. The above state requirements are non-negotiable and vary from school district to school district.

More information concerning state requirements may be found at the Pennsylvania Department of Education website – www.pde.state.pa.us

Carlisle Schools offer courses in a virtual learning format. These courses are used to augment the school's traditional curricular offerings and serve the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students. Please visit the CASD's website for more information.